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REMARKS

I. Amendment Under Rule 312

Entry of this amendment prior to issuance is respectfully requested.

Amendment to Title

The amendment to the Title of Invention is necessary in order to correct errors in the Notice of Allowance. Specifically, the Title of Invention listed on the Notice of Allowance omits the word "Rim" after the word "Rotor." The Title of Invention including the word "Rim" and as submitted in-full above for amendment was previously submitted in the Amendment dated January 27, 2003. However, evidently, the amendment to the Title in the January 27, 2003 Amendment was never entered. Thus, it is presented again. Because the U.S. Patent Office generated the errors that necessitated this amendment, this amendment should not affect the term of the resulting patent.

II. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner contains a statement of reasons for allowance. Specifically, the Examiner mentions independent claims 11, 18, 21, and 26 and then cites a section of claim 11, which contains limitations not found in claims 18, 21, and 26, as a reason for allowance.

Applicant wishes to clarify that the cited claim section in the Notice of Allowability is a citation from claim 11, that the cited claim section is found only in claim 11, and that the cited claim section is not found in claims 18, 21, and 26. Accordingly, the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is specifically directed only to claim 11, rather than to each of the independent claims 11, 18, 21, and 26.

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Since no substantial effort is necessary on the part of the U.S. Patent Office to consider this amendment, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered prior to issuance of this patent.

Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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